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	KASHYAP P. PATEL et al.,						
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11	V.	Case No.: 2:23-cv-873-APG-NJK					
12	JIM STEWARTSON,						
13	Defendant.	MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SERVE AND					
14		FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE					
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16	COME NOW, Plaintiffs, KASHYAP PATEL ET AL, by and through the undersigned						
17	Counsel of Record, SIGAL CHATTAH, ESQ. of CHATTAH LAW GROUP and submits the						
18	foregoing MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SERVE AND FOR ALTERNATIVE						
19	SERVICE under FRCP 4(m) and LR 7-2:						
20	Plaintiffs' Motion is based upon the pleadings and papers on file herein, the Exhibits						
21	attached and Declarations filed concurrently herew	ith, and the following points and authorities.					
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

INTRODUCTION

The matter sub judice involves an action for defamation and business disparagement filed by Plaintiffs for various actions by Defendant.

Defendant is aware of this lawsuit and is evading service. Defendant openly tweets about the matter sub judice and lodges personal attacks on undersigned Counsel on social media platform X (f/k/a Twitter) using his handle @jimstewartson; Jim Stewartson, Anti-disinfo activitist. ¹

PROCEDURAL POSTURE

Plaintiffs filed this action on June 5, 2023. The very next day, June 6, 2023, Defendant tweeted his knowledge of the lawsuit, saying, "Kash Patel just joined his co-conspirator Ret. Lt. @GenFlynn in suing me – for \$10,000,000." Since then, Defendant has tweeted about this lawsuit no fewer than 39 times, including screenshots of the pleadings and fundraising requests from his 98,000 followers to contribute to his GoFundMe legal defense page.

Plaintiffs have attempted to serve Defendant at numerous alternate addresses in addition to his known residence.² Defendant continues to evade service of process and has instead made receipt of this lawsuit more onerous and expensive on Plaintiffs, and therefore good cause exists to extend the time for service of process against Defendant and for alternative means of service. While service attempts at his home address have been unsuccessful, with claims that Defendant no longer lives there, video evidence indicates that he does in fact still live at the same address.³ Moreover, Defendant has repeatedly referenced this lawsuit on X (formerly known as Twitter), even posting screenshots of pleadings. Because Plaintiffs have made diligent efforts to serve Defendant through traditional means, and because Defendant is evading service and is actually aware of the lawsuit, we request a 60-day extension pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m), and for

¹ See June 6, 2023 posts attached hereto as Exhibit "1"

² See ECF 14 and ECF 15, Notices of Attempted Service of Process

³ See photos attached hereto as Exhibit "2"

permission to serve him through alternative means, such as by certified mail to his home address and concurrently via email at all of his email accounts verified as follows:

xm@stewartson.com j.stewartson@stewartson.com j.stewartson@fourthwallstudios.com jim@stewartson.com astewartson@geocities.com

It is abundantly clear that Defendant's insolent behavior is an effort to force Plaintiffs to expend unnecessary resources and monetary waste in the simple task of accepting this lawsuit that Defendant has already acknowledged and attempted to litigate on social media.

ARGUMENT

Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) entitled *TIME LIMIT FOR SERVICE* "[I]f a defendant is not served within 90 days after the complaint is filed, the court—on motion or on its own after notice to the plaintiff—must dismiss the action without prejudice against that defendant or order that service be made within a specified time. But if the plaintiff shows good cause for the failure, the court must extend the time for service for an appropriate period.

A. DEFENDANT IS EVADING SERVICE OF PROCESS- THEREFORE GOOD CAUSE EXISTS TO EXTEND TIME FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

Absent good cause, courts have discretion "to extend the time for service or to dismiss the action without prejudice." *In re Sheehan*, 253 F.3d at 513. The Ninth Circuit has not set forth specific factors to consider in making discretionary determinations under Rule 4(m). *Id.* However, the Ninth Circuit has noted that "a district court may consider factors like a statute of limitations bar, prejudice to the defendant, actual notice of a lawsuit, and eventual service." *Efaw v. Williams*, 473 F.3d 1038, 1041 (9th Cir. 2007) (internal quotation marks omitted). An extension of time for service may be retroactive. *Wright v. City of Santa Cruz*, 2014 WL 3058470, at *7 (N.D. Cal. July 3, 2014).

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Plaintiff's last known address is 1526 Steinhart Avenue, Redondo Beach, California, where he was successfully served with another defamation lawsuit on May 8, 2023. *See Flynn v. Stewartson*, Case No. 2023 CA 004264 NC (Cir. Ct. Sarasota Cnty, Fla. 2023), Affidavits of Service, attached hereto as *Exhibit 3*.⁴ Indeed, on May 1, 2023, Defendant received a letter at this address, demanding his retraction of alleged defamatory statements, and Defendant posted a video of himself burning the letter.⁵

On June 19, 2023, only a few weeks later, Plaintiffs in this case attempted service of the Complaint at Defendant's address of 1526 Steinhart Avenue, but was returned as unexecuted because someone at Defendant's address told the process server that Defendant had moved. [ECF No. 14]. Plaintiffs have reason to believe that this was a misrepresentation, and that Defendant does, in fact, still reside at this address.

First, according to skip trace records, as of September 14, 2023, Plaintiff's address is still 1526 Steinhart Avenue, and there is no indication of a change of address. Second, Plaintiff is self-employed, works from his home, and regularly appears on video podcasts and uploads video of himself to his blog from his home. It is apparent from these videos that he is broadcasting from the same living room prior to May 8, 2023—when he indisputably lived at 1526 Steinhart

⁴ It is noteworthy that Mr. Stewartson appears to have attempted to evade service in the *Flynn v. Stewartson* case as well. After he was successfully served on May 8, 2023, he stopped

answering the door for the same process server who attempted to personally serve him with other documents on May 11 and May 12. The process server noted that he could hear and see people

inside the residence, but they would not come to the door. Ex. 2, p.2.

⁵ Jim Stewartson (@jimstewartson), TWITTER (May 1, 2023, at 12:40 p.m.), https://twitter.com/jimstewartson/status/1653077045814128640.

Avenue⁶—and after June 19, 2023—after he had supposedly moved.⁷ Comparative screen captures of Defendant from before and after are attached hereto as *Exhibit 2*.

Plaintiffs have acted diligently to serve Defendant with this lawsuit. In addition to multiple attempts at personal service, Plaintiffs have requested a waiver of service, by mailing a notice of lawsuit and request for waiver, along with a copy of the Complaint and Summons, which was sent by Certified Mail and was successfully delivered to Defendant's home address to an individual on August 24, 2023. A copy of the waiver request and USPS tracking information are attached hereto as *Exhibit 4*.

Plaintiffs received no response within the deadline, and even emailed the request for waiver to Defendant's attorneys in the *Flynn v. Stewartson* case, asking them if they could get authority from their client to accept service of the Complaint. That request has been rejected. While Plaintiff is permitted to stand on formalities, he is not permitted to do so while dishonestly evading the formal process. *See* Email attached hereto as *Exhibit 5*.

Setting aside the evidence that Defendant is intentionally evading service, he is fully aware of this lawsuit, as evidenced by his tweets. In one such tweet, Defendant screenshots another user's tweet, which includes a link to a PDF copy of the Complaint in this action, showing that Defendant had access to the Complaint as early as June 6, 2023. Ex. 1, p. 2. In another tweet, Defendant claims that he "found out about Kash Patel's \$10 million lawsuit in advance." Ex. 1, p. 3. On June 15, 2023, Defendant sarcastically tweeted that "Kash Patel is attempting to sue me in Nevada . . . It's not going very well so far. Hard to imagine why" and

⁶ E.g., Jim Stewartson, Message for Yoel, Remi and Elon, VIMEO (Nov. 1, 2022), https://vimeo.com/766223403; Radicalized: The Truth Survives Podcast, Cyberwar Inoculation with Special Guest Jackie Singh, YOUTUBE, 1:48 (Apr. 6, 2023), https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1felIOCiO88.

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included a copy of this Court's order of June 14, 2023, Dkt. No. 12. Ex. 1, p. 4. Defendant is obviously keeping close tabs on this case and has access to the docket.

At the very least, the Court should grant a 90-day extension for accomplishing service on the Defendant—which at this point would be at Defendant's expense—as Plaintiffs have shown good cause for an extension. Given Defendant's active evasion of service, this Court should also permit Plaintiffs to serve Defendant via alternative means, such as delivery of the Complaint and Summons by Certified Mail—which has already been accomplished—or allow service through email.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter an order extending the deadline to serve Defendant with the Complaint by 90-days and to allow service by alternative means, such as Certified Mail to Defendant's home address and electronically through the email addresses listed above.

Dated: September 28, 2023 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sigal Chattah

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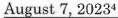
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Michael T. Flynn, an individual

Plaintiff

Case No.: 2023 CA 004264 NC

vs.

Jim Stewartson

Defendant

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, Carlos Canas, a Private Process Server, being duly sworn, depose and say:

That I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to or otherwise interested in this matter.

That I have been duly authorized to make service of the Summons, Civil Cover Sheet, and Complaint in the above entitled case.

That on 05/08/2023 at 12:46 PM, I personally served Jim Stewartson with the Summons, Civil Cover Sheet, and Complaint at 1526 Steinhart Avenue, Redondo Beach, California 90278.

Jim Stewartson is described herein as:

Gender: Male Race/Skin: White Age: 50+ Weight: 180+ Height: 6'0" Hair: Black/Gray Glasses: No

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



Sworn to before me on 05/11/2023

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 09/25/2025

Carlos Canas

Client Ref Number:00427 Job #: 1618196

IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Michael T. Flynn, an individual

Plaintiff

Case No.: 2023 CA 004264 NC

vs.

Jim Stewartson

Defendant

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

I, Rebecca E. Short, a Private Process Server, being duly sworn, depose and say, I have been duly authorized to make service of the documents listed herein in the above entitled case, I am over the age of eighteen years and am not a party to or otherwise interested in this matter.

That I am the Custodian of Records for Capitol Process Services, Inc.

DOCUMENT(S): Circuit Civil Case Management Order and Order Setting Initial Case Management Hearing (for General Track cases) and Case Management Report

SERVE TO: Jim Stewartson

SERVICE ADDRESS: 1526 Steinhart Avenue, Redondo Beach, California 90278

METHOD OF SERVICE: Service was completed by mailing a copy of the documents listed herein to Jim Stewartson, 1526 Steinhart Avenue, Redondo Beach, California 90278 on 05/12/2023 via United States Postal Service, Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. Article Number: 7022 2410 0000 9528 8848.

That in addition to the service noted above, the following attempts were made at personal service:

That on May 11, 2023 at 6:55 PM, my agent, Carlos Canas attempted to serve Jim Stewartson at 1526 Steinhart Avenue, Redondo Beach, California 90278. On this occasion, Mr. Canas received no answer after knocking on the door, although he stated he could see people inside the residence via the second story window.

That on May 12, 2023 at 7:01 AM, my agent, Carlos Canas attempted to serve Jim Stewartson at 1526 Steinhart Avenue, Redondo Beach, California 90278. On this occasion, although Mr. Canas stated that like before, he could hear people inside the residence, he received no answer at the door.

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

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My Commission Expires: March 31, 2024

Rebecca E. Short

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Hi Craig and George,

I represent Kash Patel in a lawsuit that he has filed in Nevada against your client, Jim Stewartson. We have attempted to serve Mr. Stewartson at his home, but he appears to be intentionally evading service. We also mailed him a request for waiver of service and have received no response. Mr. Stewartson is aware of this lawsuit as he has tweeted about it repeatedly, including screenshots of pleadings. This will obviously not go over well for him with the judge in that case when we have to request relief for extensions or alternative means of service.

I realize that you do not represent him in that case, but before we take additional steps to serve Jim (at his expense), I wanted to reach out to you guys and give him another opportunity to accept service. Attached is a copy of the complaint and the request for waiver of service that was mailed to him. Please let me know if you have authority to accept service.

Best regards,

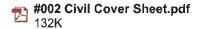
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